GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:684
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TADA DETAINEES
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

:

(a) the number of persons still detained under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act;

(b) the number of persons against whom no case has yet been filed;

(c) the number of persons tried till date;

(d) the matching alternative of TADA to deal with Terrorist and Disruptive Activities;

(e) whether the Government propose to contemplate the need to similar Act to deal with insurgency/terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern states; and

(f) if so, the number of cases of TADA has been misused?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) As per available information, 522 accused persons are under detention as on date.
(b) & (c): This information is not centrally maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) & (e): The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for combating terrorism was introducedin the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995 when the erestwhile Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This Bill has remained pending and Law Commission has now taken up its study for formulating a requisite law for combating terrorism in the country.

(f): Law and Order is a State subject and provisions of the TADA(P) Act, 1987 were invoked by States/Uts keeping in view the public order and Internal Security conditions prevailing over there. The TADA(P) Act 1987 has already lapsed in May, 1995. Review Committees have been constituted both at the Centre and State level to review the pending cases.